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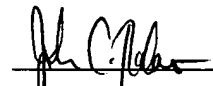
**REMARKS**

This amendment enters the claim of priority under 35 U.S.C. §120, and conforms the specification to the formal papers submitted herewith. Entry of the amendment is, therefore, respectfully requested.

An early and favorable examination is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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In re Application of: Serge KALIAGUINE et al.

Serial No.: 09/743,985 (U.S. National Phase of International  
Application No. PCT/CA99/00638, filed July 15, 1999)

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For: PROCESS FOR SYNTHESIZING METAL OXIDES AND METAL  
OXIDES HAVING A PEROVSKITE OR PEROVSKITE-LIKE CRYSTAL  
STRUCTURE

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CLAIM OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.20(c), applicants hereby claim small entity  
status for this application.

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